

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	EAS.89
<b>Historic Name:</b>	
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	1870 Massasoit Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	Eastham
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	North Eastham
<b>Local No:</b>	01-010
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	No style
<b>Use(s):</b>	Secondary Dwelling House; Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture; Recreation
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Shingle; Wood; Board and Batten Foundation: Concrete Cinderblock; Wood



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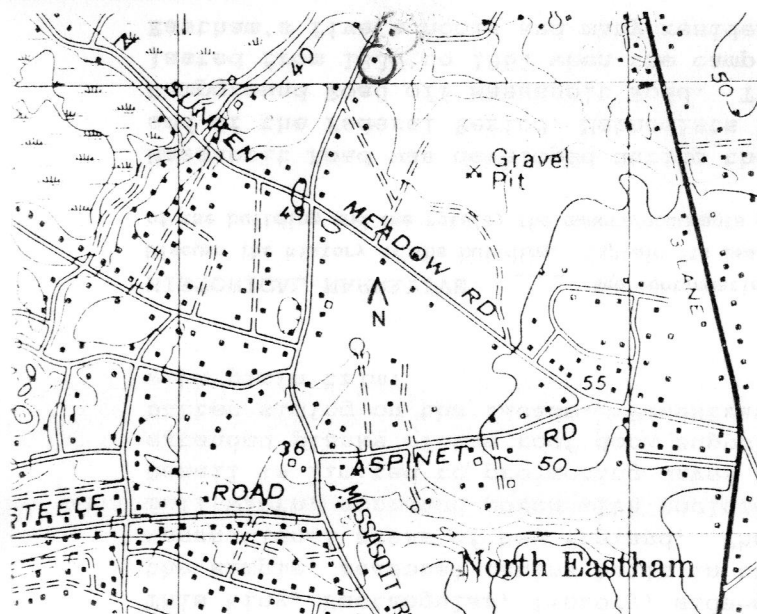
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Concrete Blocks

here. Indicate North.



Wall/Trim Shingles and  
Board and Batten (Facade)

Roof Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition Good

Moved X no \_\_\_ yes Date

Acreage .51 Acres

Setting Located in a moderately-settled,  
rural area a short distance south of the  
T-intersection of Harvest and Massasoit  
Roads.

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BUILDING FORM

1870 Massasoit Road

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION        See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This tiny, rectangular, 1-story, side-gable 3 x 2-bay cottage is typical of the simple, seasonal cabins built in the early twentieth-century throughout recreational areas of New England. The center-entry facade is sheltered by a full-width, screened porch with enclosed rail and decorative screen door. Detail is limited to projecting eaves apparently comprised only of the extended planks of the roof deck supported by exposed brackets and board and batten siding on the facade. Fenestration consists of 6/6, double-hung sash with plain trim.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE        See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Massasoit Road was developed during the Federal Period (1775-1830). By the end of the Federal Period, Methodists had established a campground near Campground Road off Massasoit Road. This center for summer religious retreats lasted from 1830 to 1862 when the camp moved to Yarmouth. By 1831, one of Eastham's five schools and many residences were located on Massasoit Road.

It is likely that many of the residents were involved in agriculture. Grains were an early cash crop in Eastham and later, asparagus and turnips became more common. Husbandry and fishing were also important sources of income for Massasoit Road residents. By 1901, at least seven farmers were living on Massasoit Road. There were also a clerk, lighthouse keeper, laborer and a grocer. A provisions store was located on the corner of Oak and Massasoit Roads. By the twentieth century, the road had become an important way from Orleans through Eastham to Wellfleet. Seasonal residents had begun building summer homes and cottages by the Early Modern Period.

The cabin at 1870 Massasoit Road is one of these summer cottages built in Eastham as transportation facilities and road systems improved and use of the automobile expanded. No research, data or house file exists for this property at the Eastham Historical Society Archives. A construction date of 1928 assigned to the property is noted on a list of historic properties devised by the Eastham Historical Society with dates provided from assessors' records. The original source for the determination of the construction date in the assessors records is unknown. Based on appearances it seems reasonable. Since the only Directory for the Town of Eastham dates to 1901, no identification of the original or subsequent owners was possible using readily-available, local records. Deed research will be necessary to obtain more information on the property.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES   X   See continuation sheet.

       Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;  
If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

## INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

1870 Massasoit Road  
Eastham

Area Form No. 89

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